

# the Nuclear Resister

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## 2,400 Arrested Calling for **CEASEFIRE NOW!**

When the long-simmering war between Hamas and the state of Israel exploded into a rolling boil on October 7, demands for a ceasefire quickly dominated demonstrations around the world.

Following is a day-by-day chronicle of more than 2,400 arrests since then at more than 75 demonstrations across 22 states and provinces in the United States and Canada. It marks the largest surge of anti-war arrests since mid-April, 2003, when the Nuclear Resister chronicled over 7,500 anti-war arrests in the U.S. alone in the lead-up to and first weeks of the second U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Also noted on page 5 are related arrests in Australia and the United Kingdom, where some are now imprisoned for actions against Israel’s arms suppliers.

**October 11                    Boca Raton, FL                    3 arrests**

About 100 people marched at Florida American University in support of Palestine. Counter-protesters confronted the march as it moved through a breezeway on campus, leading to altercations and the arrest of one student and two others on charges of resisting arrest, battery and disorderly conduct.

**October 12                    Cambridge, MA                    9 arrests**

50 people protested outside Israeli arms dealer Elbit Systems’ Cambridge Innovation Center; three chained themselves to the blocked door.

**October 13                    San Francisco, CA                    15 arrests**

Protesters padlocked their arms together in front of Rep. Nancy Pelosi’s office, as 200 others chanted, “No more weapons, no more war, peace is what we’re fighting for!”

**October 13                    New York City, NY                    61 arrests**

Jewish Voice For Peace (JVP) marched to Sen. Shumer’s Park Slope home. Local lawmakers were among those arrested blocking the street with a sit-in. One woman was held overnight for resisting arrest and related charges. Two arrests of protesters on opposing sides were reported earlier at Times Square.

**October 16                    Washington, D.C.                    49 arrests**

If Not Now and JVP activists crossed barriers and blocked four White House entrances calling for a cease fire.

**October 18                    Boston, MA                    6 arrests**

Jewish protesters entered the federal building to visit Sen. Elizabeth Warren’s office and call on her to speak out against the war. They were stopped in hallway where they held a sit-in.

**October 18                    Washington, D.C.                    ~500 arrests**

Five thousand protesters led by members of JVP, If Not Now, Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) and other groups rallied on the National Mall before marching to the Cannon House Office Building, where hundreds passed through security and gathered in the building’s rotunda for a sit-in. Organizers declared it was the largest Jewish protest in solidarity with Palestinians ever.

Their chanted slogans – including “not in our name” and “ceasefire now” – resounded thunderously through the building, while at other times they were led in song by rabbis and cantors.

Those who refused orders to leave the building were led away by police and cited for an illegal demonstration in congressional offices before being released.

JVP said, “Many of us are mourning our Israeli and Palestinian friends and loved ones. We are in pain and grief, trying to process a week of horrific violence that has left so many that we know injured, traumatized, kidnapped, or killed. But we refuse to let our grief be weaponized to justify the murder of more Palestinians. As American Jews, we demand a ceasefire now. No genocide in our name.”

## Nuclear Sub Shipyard Shut Down

Nine Atlantic Life Community activists were arrested on the morning of November 13 at the General Dynamics-Electric Boat nuclear submarine engineering complex in New London, Connecticut, where nuclear submarines are designed.

Holding banners spanning across the two main entrances, the activists blocked cars of employees arriving for the morning shift. The 24’ banners read, “Building Nuclear Weapons is Illegal, Abide By Our Treaties, Stop Building Weapons of Mass Destruction.”

At each entrance one activist wheat-pasted on the driveway large posters quoting Article 6 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, ratified by the United States in 1968, which commits the nation to nuclear disarmament.

Another banner stated, “Trident Supports Genocide.” Blockader Mark Colville said, “We are seeking to make connections between General Dynamics’ preparation for nuclear war here in New London and Israel’s ongoing genocide in Gaza. We are calling for a ceasefire now.”

Dozens more activists lined the sidewalk between the two entrances, holding banners and handing a leaflet to employees in some 400 cars backed up along Pequot Avenue.

“We come to the gates of General Dynamics Electric Boat in New London, Connecticut today when the United States has budgeted \$114 billion dollars for the ‘upgrade’ of the nuclear arsenal with 12 new Columbia Class submarines. The destructive capacity of these nuclear submarines is unspeakable,” the leaflet read.

A half hour into the demonstration, police began arresting the blockaders. Police also issued citations to John Bach and Paki Weiland, citing them for breach of the peace.

The nine blockaders – Jackie Allen-Douçot, Dan Burgevin, Mark Colville, Ellen Grady, Ed Kinane, Art Laffin, Paul Magno, Bill Ofenloch and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy – were taken to the police station for processing on



photo by Claire Schaeffer-Duffy

charges of trespass and criminal mischief and released up to seven hours later.

At their arraignment on November 27, the prosecutor wanted to postpone, because she did not yet know how the company wanted to respond.

Art Laffin writes:

We made it clear to Prosecutor Steere that we were going pro-se, that we were prepared to be arraigned that morning and, if need be, go to trial. We shared about our action, that we were falsely charged and committed no crime, and were acting to uphold God’s law and International law. We further shared that the new Columbia class nuclear submarine program is in violation of International law and treaties that the U.S. has signed. And that the U.S. refuses to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which deem nuclear weapons illegal. We conveyed that we were held in police custody for up to 7 hours, that most of us had traveled long distances to come to court, and that we are all involved with communities that serve the poor and work for peace and social justice. We therefore insisted that we go before the judge and ask for a dismissal of all charges. Prosecutor Steere stated that she wanted a positive resolution of the case for everyone involved, [and] that if each of us does 10 hours of community service at a place of our choice, including the Catholic Worker houses that many of us are part of, then our cases would be nollied and charges dismissed. All of us agreed to this.

## Nuclear Abolitionists Blockade U.S. Mission

On November 30, activists affixed a 10-foot-long sticker to the windows of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York City with the bold message, “U.S. Sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.”

**October 19                    Skokie, IL                    7 arrests**

Two dozen people held a sit-in at Rep. Jan Schakowsky’s office calling on the Congressional Progressive Caucus vice-president to support legislation guaranteeing protection and human rights for Palestinians. Office staff connected the demonstrators by telephone with the Representative at her office in Washington. Hatem Abudayyeh, chair of the U.S. Palestinian Community Network, asked her, “If Israel has a right to defend itself, why don’t Palestinians have the right to defend themselves?” Seven people refused to leave the office at the end of the business day and were arrested and charged with trespass before being released.

**October 20                    New York City, NY                    139 arrests**

Democratic Socialists of America organized a march from Bryant Park to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand’s midtown office, then blocked 5th Avenue chanting “Ceasefire Now!” Busloads of arrestees were carried away, issued summons for disorderly conduct and released.

The action by members of the Atlantic Life Community, Catholic Workers, New York City War Resisters League and Nukewatch took place near the conclusion of the Second Meeting of States Parties to that 2017 United Nations treaty. Ninety signatory nations were meeting at the U.N., just across First Avenue, but the United States pointedly refused to attend as an observer, let alone a signer of the landmark treaty.

Holding signs and banners and singing protest songs, the nuclear abolitionists also blocked all three entrance doors to the Mission. Soon after the blockade was in place, a pre-recorded message was heard broadcast inside, instructing employees to “shelter in place.”

After two hours, eighteen blockaders were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Steve Baggarly, Pura Barako, Ellen Barfield, Ruth Benn, Cathy Breen, Beth Brockman, Bernard Connaughton, Teresa Grady, Ellen Grady, Ed Hedemann, Martha Hennessy, Kelly Lundeen, Bill Ofenloch, Scott Schaeffer-Duffy, Trudy Silver, Alice Sutter, Brian Terrell and Carmen Trotta were processed within a couple of hours and released with a December 20 court date.

Martha Hennessy of the New York Catholic Worker said, “I can’t be silent or passive in the face of the nuclear saber rattling, Gazan genocide, and U.S. expansion of our nuclear arsenal, all in violation of our treaty law.”

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where we're at

We are determined to get this new issue to the printer before our daughter and son-in-law arrive from Malaysia for the holidays... Happy Solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year to you all!

As we've been collecting information on over 75 North American actions calling for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, resulting in more than 2,400 arrests, we've also been gathering the photos to include in this issue of all of the nuclear resisters who have died in recent months. Now, a little more than a week before deadline, we learned that Helen Woodson passed away.

We are flooded with so many memories of all of these good people – of protests and jail visits, of sharing so many of life's sweet and hard moments. We are feeling sad as we finish this issue – and we know that each of them is urging us to keep on, keepin' on!

Even while sad, we're bouyed when we think of time spent with dear Franciscan friar Louie Vitale. His energy, personal warmth, and commitment to nonviolence, peace, justice and nuclear abolition were all uplifting and infectious! We first met Louie many years ago at the Nevada nuclear test site and later corresponded when he was in jail for protest at the School of the Americas. Our friendship deepened at Pacific Life Community resistance gatherings, at actions, in courtrooms and in jail visiting rooms and at our kitchen table (often with a bowl of ice cream!) planning protests at Ft. Huachuca. His regular reminder that "It's all about love", and the image of him kneeling in prayer in his brown robe, on roads leading into military bases, will be with us always.

What can we say about Helen, who we've known for 42 years? That we met her before she was ever arrested for anti-nuclear protests, and she went on to be the longest jailed nuclear resister, having spent 27 years behind bars for the Silo Pruning Hooks plowshares action and subsequent solo actions? That when, at ages 22 and 25 we were living in Madison and had several issues of the *Newsletter of the National No-Nukes Prison Support Collective* (the *Nuclear Resister's* original title) under our belt, we got a call from a woman in town we did not know, who said, "I saw your newsletter, I'm sending you

a donation and by the way, do you need a place to live? I have room for you." That we soon met chain-smoking Helen at the helm of a lively houseful of kids (one birth child and the rest adopted, most with developmental disabilities) and later discovered that the three of us share a June 26 birthday? That when Helen and Fr. Carl Kabat, OFM each received an 18 year prison sentence for the Silo Pruning Hooks action in 1985, we looked at each other with wide eyes and realized that we would need to continue the work of the Nuclear Resister for that long? That Helen's later actions alienated some when they veered from a common understanding of nonviolence, such as pulling a starter's pistol in a bank to get the money, then lighting it ablaze in the lobby while making a statement about the love of money being the root of all evil? That after years of supporting our friend Helen and visiting her in three different prisons, we drove to Kansas City in 2011 (where she would live for the first six months after prison with activists Henry and Jane Stoeber) to help welcome her to freedom and teach her how to use a cell phone and computer? We will miss her.

This issue of *the Nuclear Resister* was definitely a tough one to get done, friends, between tracking down information about so many new actions and with the passing of so many dear ones. No blood (!), but there was definitely some sweat involved and plenty of tears. We are glad to share it with you.

Peace,  
Felice and Jack

Thank You!

Many thanks to all of the people who have sent a recent contribution!  
There's still time to make a donation to help us continue the work of the Nuclear Resister in 2024. Checks should be made payable to The Nuclear Resister. Contributions of \$50 or more may be tax-deductible if made payable to "The Progressive Foundation" with "Nuclear Resister" written on the memo line. Mail to The Nuclear Resister, P.O. Box 43383, Tucson, AZ 85733.



ACTIVISTS  
SHUT DOWN L3

The direct action to shut down war contractor L3 Harris in western Massachusetts was already being planned when Hamas attacked Israel on October 7 and Israel retaliated. It only added to the litany of complicity against the Northampton company when the action unfolded on October 12.

Two dozen people arrived before dawn and blocked the entrances with a boat, three boat trailers and anti-war banners, one of which read, "Rock the boat. The tide is rising. All hands on deck." A few people were locked on to the vehicles. The boats were a nod to Columbus Day and the beginning of colonial occupation of North America, while protesting the war industry and its role in the colonial occupation of Palestine today.

The blockade held for six hours as more supporters rallied and police directed workers to alternate parking nearby. The blockaders were finally cut from the vehicles and arrested for trespass, disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. Sonya Epstein, Priscilla Lynch, Dodi McInicoff, Zehra Parvez, Clara Wagner and Paki Weiland were all jailed overnight and released after pleading not guilty the following morning.

Sit-In Says  
No to Ukraine  
War \$\$\$

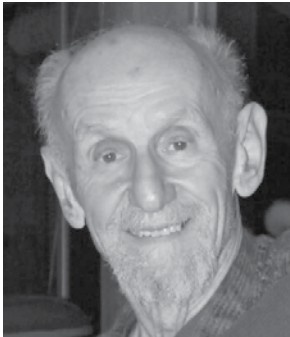
More than 60 people joined CodePink to walk the halls of Congress on October 3, calling for peace talks in Ukraine, not more bucks for war. They lobbied as part of a global mobilization that came out of the International Summit for Peace in Ukraine last June, and to "point out the hypocrisy of progressives who fund endless wars, even progressive champion, Bernie Sanders."

So their first stop was a sit-in at the office of Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, to remind him of his call for a "diplomatic solution" and negotiations on the eve of Russia's invasion. Sanders has since joined the war party sending arms and military advice to Ukraine. Responding to the reminder, Capitol police were called and 11 people were arrested.

For more information, visit [codepink.org](http://codepink.org).

iPresente!

We give thanks for the lives of these nuclear resisters.



**Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM**  
June 1, 1932 –  
September 6, 2023



**Helen Dery Woodson**  
June 26, 1943 –  
December 2, 2023



**Janet Aldridge**  
November 9, 1928 –  
October 11, 2023



**Pat Arrowsmith**  
March 2, 1930 –  
September 27, 2023



**Daniel Ellsberg**  
April 7, 1931 –  
June 16, 2023



**George Paz Martin**  
March 24, 1946 –  
July 16, 2023



**Eve Tetaz**  
September 6, 1931 –  
June 7, 2023



**Brian Larkin**  
January 3, 1960 -  
August 26, 2023



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ABOUT THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

Since 1980, *the Nuclear Resister* has provided comprehensive reporting on arrests for anti-nuclear civil resistance in the United States, with an emphasis on providing support for the women and men jailed for these actions. In 1990, *the Nuclear Resister* also began reporting on anti-war arrests in North America, plus overseas anti-nuclear and anti-war resistance with the same emphasis on prisoner support.

*The Nuclear Resister* serves to network this nonviolent resistance movement while acting as a clearinghouse for information about contemporary nonviolent resistance to war and the nuclear threat. We believe that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. Behind bars, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist are essential to the movement for a peaceful, nuclear-free future.

Each issue provides the names and jail addresses of currently imprisoned anti-nuclear and anti-war activists. Readers are encouraged to provide active support by writing letters to those behind bars and in other ways requested by the prisoners.

Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, Editors



# Arrests at White House in Support of Clemency for Peltier

Thirty-five Indigenous leaders and allies were arrested by U.S. Park Police outside the White House on September 12, as they joined hundreds of activists in urging President Biden to grant clemency for imprisoned Native American activist Leonard Peltier. Held on Peltier’s 79th birthday, more than 100 supporters, family and loved ones had traveled to the D.C. rally in a caravan that began after ceremony on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The rally in Lafayette Park, led by NDN Collective and Amnesty International USA, featured speakers calling for executive clemency and a massive 125’ banner reading “President Biden: Free Leonard Peltier Now!” laid out on Pennsylvania Avenue. Those risking arrest held another banner closer to the White House fence, reading “Enough is Enough - Free Leonard Peltier.”

Fawn Sharp, president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); Dallas Goldtooth, organizer and actor; Nick Tilsen, president and CEO of NDN Collective; and Paul O’Brien, executive director of Amnesty International USA were among the 35 arrested. All were issued a \$50 citation for blocking the sidewalk and later released.

Imprisoned for nearly 50 years, Leonard Peltier is serving two life sentences for his alleged role in the deaths of two FBI agents during a shootout on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in South Dakota in 1975. At the time of the rally, the federal prison where he is held in Coleman, Florida was again locked down, as it has been repeatedly since the beginning of the Covid pandemic. His imprisonment is widely recognized as the product of a flawed prosecution, trial and conviction by international human rights organizations, Tribal leaders, many members of Congress, and even the former U.S. Attorney whose office handled the prosecution and appeal.

In a statement released on his birthday, Peltier reminded readers why he is in prison.

In 1976, I was protecting people from being murdered. There were over sixty people killed. The federal government will not investigate those murders because our killers, the GOON Squad, admitted that the FBI was supplying the weapons

## WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL CONFRONTS RAYTHEON

About 20 people met outside the corporate office of Raytheon in Arlington, Virginia on November 8 to once again deliver a subpoena for the Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal, requesting Raytheon turn over information about their complicity in war crimes. Raytheon did not respond to the first subpoena delivery a year earlier and they wanted to give the war profiteer one last chance to comply before the Tribunal convened on November 12.

As the activists gathered on the sidewalk outside of Raytheon, some lay down and were covered with sheets representing the casualties from weapons made by the war profiteer. Others mourned over large dolls representing the children killed by Raytheon’s weapons.

Sidewalks are normally a public place where people can exercise their First Amendment rights. However, in this case Raytheon controls the sidewalk. When asked to leave by the police, a number of activists said that because of the suffering and death caused by weapons produced by Raytheon, they could not leave until Raytheon agreed to stop producing weapons. Eventually six people, ages 28 – 77, were arrested: Brad Wolf, Anthony Walker, Joy First, Phil Runkel, Alice Sutter and Malachy Kilbride. All were charged with misdemeanor trespass and released with a January 10 court date.

The Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal seeks to hold accountable, through testimony of witnesses, U.S. weapons manufacturers who knowingly produce and sell products that attack and kill not only combatants but non-combatants as well. These manufacturers, including Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, General Atomics, and Boeing, may have committed Crimes Against Humanity as well as violated U.S. Federal criminal laws. The Tribunal is now hearing the evidence from affected communities, witnesses and experts around the world and will render a verdict in a live-streamed event next year.

The opening session of the Tribunal and weekly videos addressing the death merchants and their crimes are recorded for public review at [rumble.com/user/merchantsofdeath](https://rumble.com/user/merchantsofdeath). For more information, visit [merchantsofdeath.org](https://merchantsofdeath.org).



photo by Ray St. Clair

and ammunition used against us. A trail of bodies, that era tinged and stained in blood. Mass sterilizations of all genders were taking place. Our children kidnapped. Our language and right to bear arms, forbidden. This is nothing short of genocide. I will never forget. Colonization requires erasure: genocide, homicide, and extermination. They wanted nothing less than the extermination of our people. And, uranium. They wanted to force the mining on our reservation. Disrespecting the land, poisoning the waters, which still causes high rates of cancer. I stood in their way.

So, I will not apologize. I will not yield: my people are owed an apology. During my sentencing decades ago, I made this plain. I will not do it. Because every time I have been called upon by my people, I serve them body, heart, and spirit. It must be done just like that, you see.

I will not do it because there is Power in resistance and I have never given up. I won’t start now either.

Last spring, Leonard Peltier withdrew his support from the work of the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee for a lack of accountability in activities and fundraising. In an audio message to supporters posted online, he gave endorsement to a new group of long-time

## Daniel Hale Update

Drone war whistleblower Daniel Hale is due to complete his federal prison sentence next July 5. Still imprisoned in the restrictive Communications Management Unit of the federal prison at Marion, Illinois, Hale is keeping physically fit while learning Arabic and teaching Chinese.



Daniel Hale has expressed that letters of support, particularly including photos and a good story you can share, are most appreciated. Letters should be sent to Daniel Hale 26069-075, USP Marion, U.S. Penitentiary, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959. For more details on what and how to send mail, visit [standwithdanielhale.org](https://standwithdanielhale.org).

supporters he had personally contacted to take on the outside support work he needs.

In their words, “The Leonard Peltier Ad Hoc Committee exists to secure Leonard’s release from Federal prison so that he can be with his family and community.”

The details of the situation are spelled out in an Important Message from the Official Leonard Peltier Ad Hoc Committee by director David Hill, posted last August to [thejerichomovement.com](https://thejerichomovement.com).

Hill writes:

The objective of the legal team is not only to get him free, and in the meantime, to get him transferred to a lower security place so that as an elder he can have access to better care and treatment while awaiting his release, but also Leonard is very adamant about wanting to get back his name as the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee. At present the ad hoc committee has an attorney who is working with other lawyers and members of a legal team on measures that will bring about his release.

And again, I want to reiterate Leonard’s words: do not send any money to the ILPDC because it does not represent him and it is not helping him...

I would encourage you, if you have any doubts to the truthfulness of my words, to contact Leonard Peltier yourself. He is of sound mind, though he does have some health issues.

For more information and to make a donation or purchase fine art prints of Leonard Peltier’s paintings to benefit his legal defense, visit [freeleonardpeltiernow.org](https://freeleonardpeltiernow.org) or write to the Leonard Peltier Official Ad Hoc Committee, 2590 Welton St., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80205.



Letters of support should be sent to Leonard Peltier #89637-132, USP Coleman 1, P.O. Box 1033, Coleman, FL 33521-1033.

## Inside & Out



**Name** ID# (if needed)  
prison or support address  
(sentence – in/out date if known)  
(action & date)

### NUCLEAR RESISTERS

**Leonard Peltier** 89637-132  
USP Coleman I, POB 1033, Coleman, FL 33521.  
(Framed for murder while defending traditional indigenous from threats including uranium mining on sacred lands, 6/75)

**Please refer to [nukeresister.org/inside-out](https://nukeresister.org/inside-out) for current addresses before writing.**

### ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIONS

**Daniel Hale** 26069-075  
USP Marion, U.S. Penitentiary, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.  
(45 months – out 7/5/24)  
(Drone warfare whistleblower pled guilty 3/31/21 to violation of Espionage Act)

**Please note:** Most U.S. prisons no longer accept cards, only white paper letters with blue or black ink and envelopes using no labels, crayon, markers, drawings, stickers or scents. Increasingly, correspondence is photocopied for the prisoner and the original is destroyed. Include name and return address on all correspondence as it may be separated from its envelope.

# 2,400 ARRESTED CALLING

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**October 21 Columbus, OH 1 arrest**  
800 people came “All Out for Gaza” for a loud and unpermitted march that began at the Ohio Statehouse and coursed through the city, adding to the usual crowds and traffic disruption of the Ohio State football game that day. A police commander called it “Columbus’s version of a worldwide dialogue” as they monitored the march and took only one person into custody for disorderly conduct.

**October 21 Brooklyn, NY 22 arrests**  
Thousands joined a Within Our Lifetime organized demonstration in Bay Ridge calling for an end to Israel’s occupation. Police used “sound cannons” to disperse the crowd, and some responded with eggs and firecrackers, leading to clashes. Nineteen were charged with disorderly conduct, three also with resisting arrest. Three juveniles were summoned or reported.



BrownU Jews for Ceasefire photo

**BrownU Jews for Ceasefire express opposition to the University’s investments in the war economy on November 8.**

**October 22 Skokie, IL 1 arrest**  
Police arrested an Israel supporter for pepper spraying them as ceasefire demonstrators were also attacked outside an Israel support event. Police also arrested one ceasefire demonstrator who was released later without charges.

**October 22 Calgary, Alberta 1 arrest**  
Hundreds demonstrated in Olympic Plaza for a ceasefire. Police arrested one during clashes with pro-Israel counter-demonstrators, two of whom were also arrested.

**October 24 Coral Gables, FL 4 arrests**  
Dozens of JVP South Florida members rallied outside Sen. Rick Scott’s office demanding a ceasefire. “We are particularly concerned that Israel seeks to do this in the name of Jews, and we mean to say that you may not do this in our name,” said Alan Levine, one of those arrested for trespass after they entered the building and blocked the entrance with their signs, then refused to leave.

**October 25 Amherst, MA 57 arrests**  
UMass Students for Justice in Palestine and UMass Dissenters organized a march from the student union to the administration offices to demand the University Chancellor condemn Israel’s attacks on Gaza and cut the University’s investments and ties with Raytheon and other war contractors. Some 250 students occupied the third floor outside the office for a few hours until the building closed at 6 p.m. Over the next five hours, police arrested 56 students and one university employee, leading them in groups of five to the campus police station for processing. All were cited for trespass and released by the next morning. Pretrial hearings are set for mid-December.

**October 26 New Orleans, LA 3 arrests**  
Ceasefire protest at an intersection between Tulane and Loyola Universities. Student witnesses say counter demonstrators arrived and one threw an Israeli flag at a truck sporting Palestinian flags. The flag landed in the truck, and when the truck came back around, the driver was holding the Israeli flag and attempted to set it aflame. Fights broke out, resulting in arrests.

**October 27 New York City, NY 300+ arrests**  
JVP’s call brought thousands to Grand Central Station during Friday rush hour. As evening approached, rabbis lit shabbat candles and recited the kaddish. “While Shabbat is typically a day of rest, we cannot afford to rest while genocide is unfolding in our names,” said Rabbi May Ye. “The lives of Palestinians and Israelis are intertwined, and safety can only come from justice, equality and freedom for all.” Demonstrators wearing black t-shirts with bold white letters declaring “JEW’S SAY CEASE FIRE” filled the grand hall, shutting down the station.

**October 29 San Francisco, CA 2 arrests**  
Following a three-day public fast for a ceasefire outside Rep. Nancy Pelosi’s San Francisco home, two CodePink activists blocked her SUV from leaving, and were charged with “pedestrians in the road.”

**October 30 Toronto, Ontario 6 arrests**  
Palestine Youth Movement called for ceasefire sit-ins at offices of members of Parliament. Those at the office of Minister of Justice Arif Varani were cited for trespass.

**October 30 Toronto, Ontario 7 arrests**  
World Beyond War and Canadian unionists blockaded the INKAS armored vehicle factory in the North York district, a supplier for Israel’s army. They called for a ceasefire and an end to Canadian arms sales to Israel.

**October 30 Cambridge, MA 9 arrests**  
A Palestine Action U.S. demonstration outside the

Cambridge office of Elbit Systems, Israel’s largest arms company, drew 200 people. When activists tried to move a barricade, police charged and a clash ensued. Smoke bombs and eggs were thrown and police used pepper spray. Those arrested face a litany of charges, including vandalizing property, assault and battery on a police officer, possession of an incendiary device (the smoke bombs), resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. All pled not guilty.

**October 31 Washington, D.C. 12 arrests**  
CodePink members stood to shout “Ceasefire now!” and repeatedly interrupted the testimonies of Secretary of State Blinken and Secretary of Defense (sic) Austin during a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing. Twelve were eventually removed from the room.

**November 1 Providence, RI 2 arrests**  
Two Rhode Island School of Design students were arrested for vandalism, accused of anti-war graffiti on the building of the arms merchant Textron. Police used surveillance video to track them down in their dorm rooms.

**November 2 Durham, NC 4 arrests**  
Four women were charged with impeding traffic two days after hundreds of ceasefire marchers shut down a major highway for three hours during the afternoon rush hour. All four turned themselves in and were released with a promise to appear.

**November 2 Philadelphia, PA 350 arrests**  
JVP–Philadelphia, Philly Palestine Coalition and If Not Now–Philadelphia brought together an estimated 500 people calling for a ceasefire, including dozens of faith leaders. They took over the major 30th Street train station, blocking access to many platforms and shutting it down during rush hour.

**November 2 Washington, D.C. 52 arrests**  
Ceasefire sit-ins at several Senate offices led to arrests of those in the offices of Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders.

**November 3 Oakland, CA 9 arrests**  
A blockade at the Port of Oakland delayed for nine hours the departure of a vessel activists believed to be carrying military supplies to Israel. At least three people were detained after climbing a ladder leading to the ship. The same ship was the target of protest at the Port of Tacoma, Washington days later, but no arrests were reported.

**November 4 Washington, D.C. 1 arrest**  
Many ceasefire demonstrations and reports of graffiti across the city resulted in only one arrest after “Free Gaza” graffiti and a window was broken at a McDonald’s restaurant.

**November 5 Calgary, Alberta 1 arrest**  
A man was charged with causing a disturbance with a hate motivation for leading a ceasefire rally in the controversial chant, “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free!” Prosecutors dismissed the charge after widespread protest.

**November 8 Coral Gables, FL 1 arrest**  
Sit-in at the office of Sen. Rick Scott.

**November 8 Bangor, ME 7 arrests**  
Sit-in at the office of Rep. Jared Golden.

**November 8 Washington, D.C. 10 arrests**  
Mostly students from six universities were cited for a ceasefire protest at the House Judiciary Committee hearing.

**November 8 Providence, RI 20 arrests**  
BrownU Jews for Ceasefire were charged with trespass for occupying the administration building, calling on the University to promote peace by divesting in war industries. Charges were dropped after a hate-crime shooting in New Hampshire paralyzed a Palestinian student at Brown who had attended the demonstration.

**November 9 Chicago, IL 28 arrests**  
UChicago United for Palestine students and faculty sit-in at Rosenwald Hall administration building, demanding the University agree to a public meeting and to divest from Israel. Twenty-six students and two professors were cited for trespass.

**November 9 Orlando, FL 1 arrest**  
Florida Palestine Network blocked the road at the C4 Advanced Tactical Systems warehouse. One was charged for resisting without violence after pulling away when a cop tried to stop them from walking in front of a car.

**November 9 Chicago, IL 1 arrest**  
Hundreds protested outside fundraiser for President Biden.

**November 9 Washington, D.C. 5 arrests**  
Catholic peace activists occupied the Hart Senate office building, calling for a ceasefire after forming a cross with their bodies on the lobby floor.

**November 9 Washington, D.C. 5 arrests**  
About Face: Veterans Against War were arrested for a ceasefire sit-in at Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand’s office.

**November 9 Montreal, Quebec 7 arrests**  
A live-streamed, seven-hour sit-in outside Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s local office demanded he call for a ceasefire. They were forcibly removed by police and charged with obstruction.

**November 9 Portland, OR 6 arrests**  
Ceasefire demonstrators, including Reed College students, converged on the World Trade Center office of Sen. Jeff Merkley. Some entered the building and painted slogans on windows before police broke up the demonstration, charging four students and two others with trespass and disorderly conduct, and four with felony criminal mischief.

## Australian Ceasefire Arrests

In Australia, large ceasefire demonstrations have taken place in all the major cities. On November 22, 400 people rallied outside Sydney’s Port Botany, carrying the demand for an end to the war to an Israeli shipping company there. Some blocked the road, and 23 were arrested for failure to comply with police instructions and damage or disruption of a major facility.

Then, on November 27, coordinated blockades were undertaken by smaller groups at the U.S. Consulate in Melbourne and the remote Pine Gap spy base in central Australia. About 25 people demonstrated outside the consular office, throwing red paint on the walls and holding signs saying, “Stop the Genocide” and “Close Pine Gap.” Four who blocked the entrance were cited for trespass related offenses.

That same day, a similar number of activists shut down the U.S.–run satellite communications station at Pine Gap, notorious for providing military surveillance and communication intercepts to U.S. allies around the globe, including Israel. Declan Gilick, an Aboriginal writer from the area, said, “My family resisted the installation of Pine Gap 40 years ago. U.S. militarism wasn’t welcome then and it’s not welcome now. Palestinians are being bombed relentlessly by a genocidal apartheid regime that uses military intelligence gathered on Arrernte Country and I won’t stand for it.”

A large “Free Palestine” banner was stretched across the entry road, along with the signs “Stop War Crimes in Palestine” and “Close Pine Gap”. Police removed the blockade and arrested two people for traffic and summary offenses.

# ING FOR CEASEFIRE NOW!

## Editors' note:

This Day-by-Day record of dissent, primarily in North America, includes only those occasions where demonstrators demanding a ceasefire and end to the war were arrested. In addition to this chronicle of arrests, there were many thousands more participating in protests throughout the world.

By “arrested,” we mean when a person is detained by police for any length of time and is not free to go or to continue the activity they were engaged in before police intervened. Whether charges are then filed is another issue, and whether prosecution proceeds after that, yet another. As far as we know, and unless otherwise noted, within 24 hours everyone arrested was released on bail or with a promise to appear. Many charges may have since been dropped.

Looking ahead, the Nuclear Resister will report on all the prosecutions we have information about.

Many blockades, graffiti, sit-ins, unpermitted marches and other actions expected to result in arrests did not in fact end that way. There are many reports of police accommodating significant disruption, including bridge and highway blockades, while waiting out demonstrators and thus avoiding arrests. Arrests often seemed to be made with the sole intent of ending the demonstration, only for the charges to later be dismissed.

The resistance actions that resulted in arrests span a wide array of tactics, some long under debate within the broader peace movement and among advocates of direct action. With the aim of encouraging prisoner support, we endorse tolerance and constructive criticism of diverse, conscientious action. A principle of any prisoner support

work is to address the needs of the person behind bars, regardless of how they got there.

We know that despite our best efforts, we have undoubtedly missed related arrests that should be included here. If you are aware of arrests related to ceasefire/anti-war protest over the last two-plus months, please help us document this part of anti-war history by sending us information about arrests not noted elsewhere on these pages. Please also let us know of any substantial errors in this chronicle so that they can be corrected.

Finally, if you or someone you know about is jailed for anti-war actions, please let us know as soon as possible so that the news can be included on the Nuclear Resister website and in the next issue of this newsletter.

Thank you!

**November 10      New York City, NY      7 arrests**  
Large evening ceasefire protest outside Grand Central Terminal closed the station.

**November 10      Waltham, MA      7 arrests**  
Ceasefire demonstrators joined a Brandeis University demonstration after Students for Justice in Palestine was banned by the school. Police eventually moved in and stopped the protest, variously charging three students and four others with disorderly conduct, trespassing and battery of an officer. At arraignment, all entered not guilty pleas.

**November 10      Portland, ME      7 arrests**  
Trespass charges for sit-in at Rep. Chellie Pingree’s office.

**November 13      Oakland, CA      450 arrests**  
Hours-long sit-in by JVP, If Not Now and others at the federal building ended with evening arrests and charges of failure to disperse.

**November 13      Chicago, IL      106 arrests**  
Cease fire demonstrators blocked the escalator from the train station leading into Accenture Tower, where the Israeli consulate is located. They were cited for trespass and escorted from the building.

**November 14      Vancouver, B.C.      2 arrests**  
One hundred police clashed with 250 protesters outside the restaurant where Prime Minister Trudeau was dining. One protester was charged with obstructing police; the other for assaulting police.

**November 14      Staten Island, NY      5 arrests**  
Three adults and two juveniles were charged during clashes with police at the “Flood Staten Island for Gaza” demonstration outside Borough Hall.

**November 15      Washington, D.C.      1 arrest**  
Two hundred people demanded a ceasefire outside the Democratic National Committee office. Police moved in forcefully to clear the crowd with pepperspray when all the doors had been blocked, provoking a melee that injured 90 demonstrators and six police. There was one arrest for assaulting police.

**November 16      San Francisco, CA      81 arrests**  
Morning rush hour ceasefire demonstration shut down the Bay Bridge.

**November 16      San Francisco, CA      2 arrests**  
A die-in forced Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation gala attendees to step over bloody effigies of Gaza war casualties.



Jewish Voice for Peace photo

**Hundreds of peace activists filled the lobby of the Cannon House Office Building, October 18, 2023.**

**November 17      Washington, D.C.      3 arrests**  
Hundreds protested for a ceasefire at Union Station, disrupting Friday rush-hour transit.

**November 17      New York City, NY      16 arrests**  
Shut it Down for Palestine demonstration occupied NewsCorp headquarters over Fox News network support for the war on Gaza.

**November 17      New York City, NY      20 arrests**  
Two entrances to the Bank of New York/Mellon headquarters were blocked by demonstrators demanding divestment from Israeli arms firm Elbit.

**November 17      Ann Arbor, MI      40 arrests**  
Some of 250 demonstrators pushed their way into the Ruthven Administration Building at the University of Michigan, demanding divestment from war industries and genocide. Ten police agencies responded to arrest 40 for trespass, barring them from the building for one year.

**November 19      Calgary, Alberta      4 arrests**  
One hundred marchers out of 2,000 supporting peace and justice for Palestine broke away, leading to arrests when some tried to push through police barriers.

**November 20      Merrimack, NH      3 arrests**  
Palestine Action U.S. activists were arrested on the roof of the Elbit Systems office. The doors had been chained shut, graffiti painted on walls and windows broken, leading to charges of riot, sabotage, criminal mischief, trespass and disorderly conduct.

**November 22      Toronto, Ontario      11 arrests**  
Despite that warrants were issued the previous afternoon in a case of alleged vandalism, police raided seven homes of anti-war activists, including teachers

and academics, in the pre-dawn hours. They broke down doors, confiscated computers and cell phones, ransacked property and handcuffed residents who were not among those arrested. The charges are also alleged to be hate crimes associated with graffiti and posting at the Indigo Bookstore, whose owner provides support for Canadians enlisting in the Israeli military.

**November 23      New York City, NY      34 arrests**  
Ceasefire demonstrators joined the Thanksgiving Day parade, some gluing their hands to the pavement and marking themselves with fake blood. Thirty were issued summons and four were criminally charged for trespass, disorderly conduct, harassment and/or resisting arrest.

**November 24      Atlanta, GA      8 arrests**  
Black Friday demonstration at Lenox Square overflowed into the streets, with arrests for refusing to disperse.

**November 26      Boston, MA      1 arrest**  
University of Massachusetts professor was charged with disorderly conduct for leading a demonstration at the Logan International Airport baggage claim area.

**November 26      New York City, NY      3 arrests**  
Hundreds of JVP ceasefire demonstrators blocked the Manhattan Bridge, many wearing bold “CEASEFIRE NOW” t-shirts. Three arrests were made, including for graffiti.

**November 28      Washington, D.C.      4 arrests**  
Demonstrators demanding “Ceasefire Now” were arrested at the Capitol Hill Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

**November 29      Pomona, CA      1 arrest**  
A Claremont Colleges lecturer was charged with trespass while playing music and directing students towards a pro-Palestine protest outside Bridges Auditorium. Campus police confirmed that the professor was, as he told them, “arrested following [his] attempt to leave the area.” Charges were dropped a week later.

**November 29      Regina, Saskatchewan      5 arrests**  
Trespass charges were issued for the blockade of a major rail line demanding a ceasefire, “even if it means putting our bodies on the line against the continued flow of capital.”

**November 29      New York City, NY      7 arrests**  
Police blocked demonstrators from bringing a large Palestinian flag into the traditional tree-lighting ceremony at Rockefeller Center, arresting six adults and one juvenile.

**November 30      Tucson, AZ      26 arrests**  
Early morning ceasefire blockades closed two gates of Raytheon’s operations at the University of Arizona Tech Park, leading to trespass charges. A public radio reporter doing her job was among those arrested.

**December 1      Montreal, Quebec      9 arrests**  
Calling for a permanent ceasefire now, activists blocked a rail line to interrupt Canadian support for Israel.

**December 3      Denver, CO      12 arrests**  
A JVP action shut down Speer Boulevard in front of the Jewish National Fund’s annual Global Conference with calls for a ceasefire.

**December 6      San Francisco, CA      1 arrest**  
While faith leaders locked arms and walked across the Golden Gate Bridge in a ceasefire demonstration, one person was arrested as he raised the Palestinian flag on a nearby flagpole.

**December 7      Ann Arbor, MI      1 arrest**  
Protesting the University of Michigan Board of Regents’ policy of investing in Israel and arms, one person was arrested and another escorted out of the board meeting.

*to be continued...*

For more information about PA actions in Great Britain and prisoner support, visit [palestineaction.org](http://palestineaction.org) or email [info@palestineaction.org](mailto:info@palestineaction.org).



# INTERNATIONAL NOTES

## Netherlands & Germany

Eleven U.S. activists, including one now living in Germany, joined Dutch and German nuclear resisters in August for a series of nonviolent direct actions against U.S. nuclear weapons deployed in the two NATO countries.

The Dutch Volkel and German Büchel Air Bases each maintain approximately 15-to-20 U.S. hydrogen bombs known as B61s as part of NATO’s so-called “nuclear sharing” program. As part of the program, foreign fighter jets and their pilots routinely rehearse attacks on Russia using the U.S. H-bombs. Alarminglly, in the midst of the ongoing war in Ukraine, operation “Air Defender 2023,” NATO’s largest-ever nuclear attack exercise, ran from June 14 – 23 in the skies over Germany. War planes involved in the practice included U.S. F-35s, F-15s and F-16s from the U.S., Turkey and Greece; Eurofighters from Spain and the U.K.; German Tornados; U.S. and Finnish F/A-18s; Hungarian Gripens; and U.S. A-10 ground-attack jets, according to CNN.

Coordinated by the Amsterdam Catholic Worker community, Peace Camp Volkel ran from August 4 – 10 and focused on “climate and a future without nuclear weapons.” On August 10, the U.S. activists traveled from Volkel to Kail, Germany for four days of protest actions directed at the Büchel Air Force Base, during the annual summer action encampment there. Like Volkel, Büchel is now undergoing major construction in preparation for the delivery of replacement nuclear weapons, the new B61-12 gravity bombs, now in production in the United States.

After commemorating the victims of Hiroshima on August 6, anti-nuclear activists were joined at Volkel on August 7 by radical climate activists. Together about 60 people blocked all five gates of the base for 78 minutes – one minute for each year since the atomic bombings of Japan. At the main gate, a theatrically giant book quoting both the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was used to halt traffic. Police made no effort to disrupt the blockade and no arrests were made.

The next day, ten peace campers (six from the U.S., three Dutch and one German) climbed over the fence and sat down on the Volkel runway. They knelt down, prayed for peace and then glued down to the runway large posters of Article 1 and 2 of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Johannes Oehler from Germany, Margriet Bos, Frieda Gas and Nikki Apeldoorn from the Netherlands, and Americans Ellen Grady, Susan Crane, Jackie Allen-Douçot, Mark Colville, Eric Martin and Theo Kayser were taken into custody and later released with a small fine, which no one paid.

## Australia

The Indo-Pacific Naval Expo held in November in Sydney, Australia was an obvious focus for protest, even before Hamas and Israel went to war. But current events only added to the outrage as arms dealers converged for the three-day bazaar. Many ceasefire demonstrators joined the anti-war group WagePeace/Disrupt Wars for three days of lively marches and protest.

November 6, the day before the expo opened, they surprised police and organizers of a harbor cruise event for politicians and arms dealers with a blockade of King Street Wharf where the boat was docked, preventing passengers from boarding.

Organizers responded by pushing and punching protesters to clear the path before police arrived. Among the police who arrived was a detective from the Strike Force Guard, a special New South Wales (NSW) police unit established in 2022 to put a rein on climate protests. WagePeace organizer Margaret Pestorius called him out as he was seen telling police which participants to arrest.

The next morning, police began picking up more people out of the demonstrations in the area, targeting Pestorius first. Two were arrested simply holding banners and detained for the day, and others were followed by

On Wednesday, August 9, the activists fulfilled a promise to again “dig for life” as they had in 2021. With hot pink shovels, more than a dozen Dutch, American and German activists began burrowing under the chain link fence they’d climbed the day before, so those who could not climb could still engage in shutting down the runway. Military police were standing by, aware of the plan and waiting to act. Sigrid Hossbach came out of her wheelchair to take up a shovel, and was soon arrested along with 15 more climate and nuclear abolition activists.

After questioning at the local police station, a dozen were released while the four Americans – Jackie Allen-Douçot, Ellen Grady, Theo Kayser and Brian Terrell – were held for further investigation before their release with an order to leave the European Union within 28 days. All but Terrell are also barred from the European Union for one year because they had been arrested at both actions.



photo by Theodore Kayser

**Nuclear abolitionists block the runway at Volkel Air Base in the Netherlands, where Dutch pilots train to use U.S. nuclear weapons stockpiled there.**

That left enough time to continue their resistance road trip with the other Americans and Dutch friends, on to Germany on August 10. But first, Theo Kayser was briefly placed in a holding cell at the border while immigration police confirmed that he was allowed to leave the Netherlands.

After a three-hour drive, the activists arrived at the Büchel air base just in time for a demonstration during evening shift change. They were greeted by at least six vans full of German police, alert to the actions at Volkel. Brian Terrell was recognized from previous visits and before he left the base for the peace camp, he was accosted by two officers demanding payment of a €900 fine imposed for a 2019 “de-fence” action there. Terrell was searched but his wallet was elsewhere, and despite

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car and on foot, stalked outside their residences and even picked up while waiting at the guardhouse for the release of others from custody. Eventually seven people were facing five charges, notably unlawful assembly. An element of that charge is the intent to injure or intimidate.

Repressive bail conditions were first imposed under the law, with release contingent on leaving NSW, not talking to anyone from WagePeace, and not helping others prepare for nonviolent action. While some have had these conditions removed, three people remain restricted in their movement and speech.

Pestorius identifies some of those targeted as related to the Blockade Australia climate protests in 2022. That summer, Strikeforce Guard in camouflage were discovered and outed as they lurked around a protest camp. They subsequently raided the homes of and arrested the activists who uncovered them. It’s part of a tactic called “strategic incapacitation” described as “the framing of peaceful protesters as somehow posing a threat or harm to the community because they won’t refrain from mobilizing.”

For more information, visit [wagepeaceau.org](http://wagepeaceau.org).

## Scotland

Nagasaki Day, August 9, coincided with the weekly Wednesday afternoon vigil at the gates of the United Kingdom’s premier nuclear submarine base at Faslane, Scotland. The vigil is sustained by current residents and friends of the Faslane Peace Camp, occupying a lay-by just up the road for more than 40 years now.

This day, two peace campers and a visiting college student from Belgium locked themselves together to block the North Gate of the base. Police took great care attending to the demonstrators while securing the necessary tools to cut through the locking devices. The first did not need to be cut because the visiting student unclipped themselves after a few hours. Removing the second device, writes Margaret Ferguson, “took hours to arrange and carry out – very carefully done using various grinding, poking and scraping tools – going through numerous layers which included very thick plastic, chicken wire in binding material, soft and hardened tar, more plastic and metal (a work of art from one of our Camp residents).”

All three blockaders were taken away to jail overnight in Clydebank, where they were arraigned the next morning. The student was admonished and sent back to school after their planned 10-day holiday. One of the others pled guilty, and one not guilty. Both await further disposition.

For more information, visit [Faslane Peace Camp on Facebook](http://Faslane Peace Camp on Facebook).

## South Korea

Japan’s planned ocean dumping of radiation-contaminated cooling water from the destroyed Fukushima reactors drew worldwide condemnation, particularly in neighboring South Korea. A week-long journey of opposition activists concluded August 12 with a demonstration in Seoul’s Gwanghwamun Square. Four members of the Korean Federation of Trade Unions, including the vice-president, were arrested after two of them climbed up on the statue of King Sejong to wave flags and a sign reading “No to Japanese nuclear contaminated water - protect our sea.” The other two were stopped as they tried to climb up and join their comrades.

Then on August 24, the day the water release began, more than 50 demonstrators, many of them university students, rallied outside the Seoul office building housing the Japanese Embassy. Some made their way to the consular office on the 8th floor where they hung banners in the windows reading “The sea is not Japan’s trash bin” and “Stop releasing contaminated water at once!” They were trying to get up to the 9th floor embassy offices before police swarmed in to drag and bundle 16 people out of the building and onto a bus. They were taken to four different police stations on charges of trespass and violating the Assembly and Demonstration Act.

## England

*from FreedomNews.org.uk*

Deliveries to Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI), one of the world’s largest arms fairs, were brought to a standstill on Thursday morning, September 7 when peace campaigners blocked the road. The ExCeL Centre protest occurred during the No Faith in War Day.

Several hundred people came together to oppose the London arms fair, with events including a Quaker meeting for worship and an Anglican prayer service in front of one of the gates. After several hours, and with the number of trucks waiting to go onto the site building up, the police moved in and imposed conditions on the protest. Nine people were arrested and later released without charges.

DSEI took place at the ExCeL Centre in London September 12-15. Protests began on September 4, with the first week targeting the setting up of the arms fair. Over 2,800 defence and security suppliers attended, courting deals with representatives from human-rights-abusing regimes, including Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Bahrain, Qatar and Israel. Campaigners argue that the deals done at DSEI lead to death and devastation worldwide.

Stop the Arms Fair (STAF) coordinated the fortnight of resistance, with other groups organizing specific events or days. Those days highlighted the intersections of the arms trade and the different areas and communities it impacts, including migrant justice, arms sales to Israel, the climate crisis, policing and prisons and more.

For more information, visit [stopthearmsfair.org.uk](http://stopthearmsfair.org.uk).

# ARRESTS HIGHLIGHT MILITARY ROLE IN CLIMATE CHAOS

Occupy Beale activists returned on October 18 to Beale Air Force Base, outside Yuba City, California for an overnight occupation camp outside the gate. The next morning, after floodlights had illuminated their camp overnight and several state troopers paid visits, eleven people held banners and signs in a line blocking the gate. One activist in an elephant costume held a sign defining their protest: “Militarism = the Elephant in the Climate Room”.

Two young people gave informed and impassioned statements of opposition to the military and its role in the climate crisis, saying in part:

We cannot accept inaction and we cannot accept delayed action. Promises to strive for net zero air force emissions within a decade or two are empty, meaningless promises and the idea that we would settle for anything less than expedited demilitarization and a massive investment in climate protections is insulting. But here’s a meaningful promise to you: we will escalate this issue until we see immediate, impactful results. We will continue to hold you and your associates



Occupy Beale photo

accountable until you acknowledge and abandon your role in global disaster. We promise no peace until justice is served on behalf of our planet and the billions jeopardized by American interests. No peace for the cowardly cogs of the imperialist machine who speak of honor and yet betray themselves by their complicity in the most unforgivable, dishonorable venture in all of human history. We promise that your memory will be a legacy of lies, spinelessness, and violence on a scale unimaginable.

The two young people and two others then carried their banners across the boundary line. Military police tried to push them back across and close the gate behind them, but were thwarted by the group’s efforts to remain. Police pulled away three who were handcuffed and removed from the scene, then closed the gate. With the gate closed, the remaining activists renewed the blockade until the others were released from custody about an hour later. One, a juvenile, was not charged, and the other two were cited for trespass. The defendants have yet to hear from the court.

## Father’s Day at Indian Island

Naval Magazine Indian Island, considered by the Navy to be its most strategic weapons transfer depot on the west coast, has been a focus for peace activists around Port Townsend, Washington for over 20 years. On Father’s Day, June 18, about two dozen people celebrated at the county park across the street from the depot to share a meal and listen to one another speak from their hearts. Fourteen of the group, in an act of protest, then crossed the boundary line painted in the road.

Military police stopped the group, but allowed a brief meditation together before ordering them to leave.

Doug Milholland remained, focused on how to encourage a change of direction in the national journey, and as protest against the decision to send U.S. depleted uranium ammunition to Ukraine. He was arrested and given a federal citation for trespass, then released.

Milholland said:

I continue to ponder the threat to life Martin Luther King pointed out before he was assassinated by elements in our government. Concentrated wealth, militarism and racism are roadblocks on the road to sustainability and mutually assured thriving. The fabric of life which we are woven depends on our successfully outgrowing the mental handcuffs of mutually assured extinction we have brewed for each other.

War wastes resources that could have saved and improved vastly more lives than those lost to wars, creates the risk of nuclear apocalypse, is a major destroyer of the Earth’s ecosystems, spreads hatred, racism and lawlessness, and is a huge snag to global cooperation needed to battle the rapidly worsening global climate catastrophe.

## ARRESTS AT BANGOR MARK A-BOMB ANNIVERSARIES

Thanks to Mary Gleysteen for this report

Early on the morning of August 7, between the anniversaries of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, more than 50 people demonstrated for peace at the entrance of Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, site of the world’s largest concentration of deployed nuclear weapons.

Some in the group held large anti-nuclear banners to block the roadway. When the sound of Edwin Starr’s soul classic “War (what is it good for?)” burst from a portable speaker, they were joined by a flash mob of a dozen or more dancing nuclear abolitionists, ages 16 to 80+. It was the third such convergence, of what could become a tradition at the annual demonstration.

At the behest of the Navy, Washington State patrol officers ordered the road to be cleared. Ten people who remained were removed by officers and cited for being pedestrians in a roadway.

Sue Ablao, Susan Delaney, Deacon Denny Duffell, Carolee Flaten, Rev. Anne Hall, Dr. David Hall, Mack Johnson, Sean Makarin, Michael Siptroth and Caroline Wildflower were released at the scene.

The demonstration followed two weeks of related activity in the region, and capped a three day gathering – “Save the Planet – Abolish Nuclear Weapons” – sponsored by Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility and Washington Against Nuclear Weapons Coalition. The 19th annual Pacific Northwest Peace Walk began in late July with tributaries joining along the central route from Salem, Oregon. The walkers were welcomed to the gathering at the Ground Zero Center, which shares a fence with the submarine base, not far from the entrance.

At the memorial service for the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings held at the Ground Zero Center, paper peace cranes were hung on the shared

fence and a message from Seattle Archbishop Paul Etienne, at the time on a pilgrimage to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, was shared.

At a mitigation hearing for the eight defendants on October 24, Judge Kyle Joyce heard most of their statements and reduced each of their fines to \$25 from \$69, “just to, I guess, make the legislature happy,” he told one of them. The final two defendants were in court November 28, and also had their fines reduced.

Sean Makarin, a member of the Qawalangin Tribe of the Unangax, told the court, in part:

We can stop the war machine because it is everyday people who make history and it is in our collective power to choose to love and stop the war machine.

It is everyday people who run these machines of death, and everyday people can choose to stop making the death machines run.

It’s everyday people who can choose to stop working until the nuclear weapons are dismantled and the DoD carbon emissions stop.

It comes down to how much you really do love whatever it is you claim to love.

Carolee Flaten addressed the court:

... Why did I and why do I so often try to stand in the roadway?

I could recite all kinds of statistics to you about the death and destruction that nuclear weapons and climate sabotage have brought and can bring. I could speak of cluster bombs and other criminal weapons of war (as if there is another kind!?!). I could speak of broken treaties and broken political promises. I could speak of these things but will leave that to others more knowledgeable than I.

Yet, I also must speak. Even as I know I won’t be saying anything you haven’t already heard. I speak

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## FUTURE ACTIONS

see more at [nukeresister.org/future-actions](http://nukeresister.org/future-actions)

### kansas city

Catholic Workers and other activists will attend the annual Spring Midwest Catholic Worker Resistance Retreat in Kansas City April 12-15, 2024. They will gather for a weekend of education, prayer, reflection, fellowship and training followed by nonviolent direct action on Monday, April 15 at the Kansas City National Security Campus. The massive nuclear bomb parts factory recently announced plans to more than double in size and add 1,000 people to the 7,800 now employed in its operations.

For more information contact Ann Suellentrop, 913-271-7925, [annsuellen@gmail.com](mailto:annsuellen@gmail.com).

### holloman air force base

Shut Down Drone Warfare: Spring Resistance Week, April 20-27, 2024, Alamogordo, New Mexico. A national mobilization to nonviolently shut down Holloman Air Force Base, the largest drone training base in the country. Over 700 pilots and operators of militarized drones graduate annually. For more information, visit [ShutDownDroneWarfare.org](http://ShutDownDroneWarfare.org), or email [toby4peace@sonic.net](mailto:toby4peace@sonic.net).

## Acquittal in Kansas City

At their pre-trial hearing on August 17, two people arrested for trespass last May at the large nuclear bomb parts factory in Kansas City entered guilty pleas. Kimmy Iгла and Rylan Scott Keeling were given a one-year suspended sentence and ordered to pay \$163 in court costs and a supervision fee.

A third defendant, Ann Suellentrop, pleaded not guilty and returned to municipal court for trial on October 25. More than two dozen supporters attended. After summation by both parties, the city rested its case. Moments later, the prosecutor rose to “amend the charge”.

Supporter Jane Stoevers writes:

The prosecutor asked that the name Honeywell be added to the charge, since the charge said she trespassed at the Kansas City National Security Campus without mentioning Honeywell Federal Manufacturing and Technologies, which administers the NSC. During the hour-long trial, the prosecutor’s witness had identified himself as a Honeywell lieutenant, a guard. In effect, the complaining witness did not precisely match the charge. Judge Anne LaBella calmly told the prosecutor concerning the charge, “No. It will stay as it is.” The amendment request came too late. LaBella then firmly told Ann, “I find you not guilty,” and advised, “You may go now.”

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Trespass on Whose Land?

Both men agreed it was not an easy decision to “cut a deal” last summer, but John Amidon and Brian Terrell changed their not guilty pleas to no contest, and were fined \$500 each, \$200 due in 30 days, and \$300 suspended after a year if they have no “adverse contact with law enforcement.” They meant to test the latest Nye County policy of prosecuting trespass at the Nevada National Security Site, where “sub-critical” nuclear weapons testing continues. The change made in 2018 reversed three decades of deputies issuing citations when protesters cross the line but never filing charges.

Terrell explained what happened:

Judge Sullivan’s previous rulings indicated that had we appeared in court as scheduled, we would not have been allowed to raise any rational defense to the charge. His ruling that he had “no jurisdiction” to determine whether our action was a “peaceable assembly” to address grievances with the National Nuclear Security Administration and Department of Energy as protected by the First Amendment, is not unusual in such cases. Likewise, his ruling excluding evidence of the illegality of the work done at the NNSS, the small inconvenience our protest caused versus the danger to Nevada and the planet with nuclear waste and weapons production, is routine.

Unique to Beatty Justice Court, though, is Judge Sullivan’s ruling that while the court lacks the jurisdiction to determine who owns or legally occupies the land in question, it does have jurisdiction to try a trespass case on that same land! While land ownership is a key element in any trespass prosecution that must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt to secure a conviction, in our case this consideration was ruled irrelevant. The Western Shoshone nation’s clear title to the land and our permission from Western Shoshone National Council to be on that land



photo by Casey Carter

John Amidon (l) and Brian Terrell outside the Nye County courthouse named for the judge’s father.

would not be allowed as evidence. Apparently, the court would only consider that there were “no trespassing” signs at the line and that we ignored them. A conviction was assured and it seemed a waste of time and resources to travel so far, me from Iowa, John from New York, to say nothing.

While not averse to the prospect of jail, Terrell also had prior family and resistance commitments (see page 6). The men do not intend to pay the fines. Statutory jail time in lieu of \$500 nonpayment is less than the maximum jail time had they gone to trial.

Also last summer, eight people who crossed the line last April pled guilty to the ticket and were fined \$600 or 50 hours community service to be served near their home in lieu of the fine. Most have completed the community service.

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because; others can’t or won’t or only do so by shouting each other down. Because the earth speaks too, but some can’t or won’t hear that either. So, mostly I act. I stand in the roadway...

Nonviolently, with no need of a personal weapon. Hoping I spread no injustice from intolerance or hate. Hopefully, doing my part, to help end poverty and all the ills that come from it. I act to lessen even some of the climate catastrophe unfolding and proliferated by violence. I act to put an end to the insanity of the almost inevitable use yet again of, and death and destruction from, nuclear weapons. That is why I must stand for what I believe. That is why I must stand in the roadway.”

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police promising to search him every time they saw him, the subject did not come up again before his departure home.

On August 14, 11 activists (two from the Netherlands, three from Germany, one from Italy and five from the U.S.) blocked the Büchel construction gate to disrupt the work on nuclear upgrades. U.S. veteran Dennis DuVall wrote in pink paint on the driveway “Tatort” (crime scene) and “Atombomben” (atom bombs) to indicate that nuclear weapons are a crime under the German Constitution and International Law. As they had at Volkel, the group also pasted Articles 1 and 2 of the Non-Proliferation Treaty on the access road.

The police took eleven people into custody for ID checks – Susan Crane, Mark Colville, Dennis DuVall, Ellen Grady and Brian Terrell from the U.S.; Christiane Danowski, Beate Körsen and Judith Samson from Germany; Sjaak Tensen and Frits ter Kuile from the Netherlands and Turi Vaccaro from Italy.

After about two hours, police gave the activists a one day ban and bar letter, put them in police vans and released them in Müllenbach, 30 minutes away.

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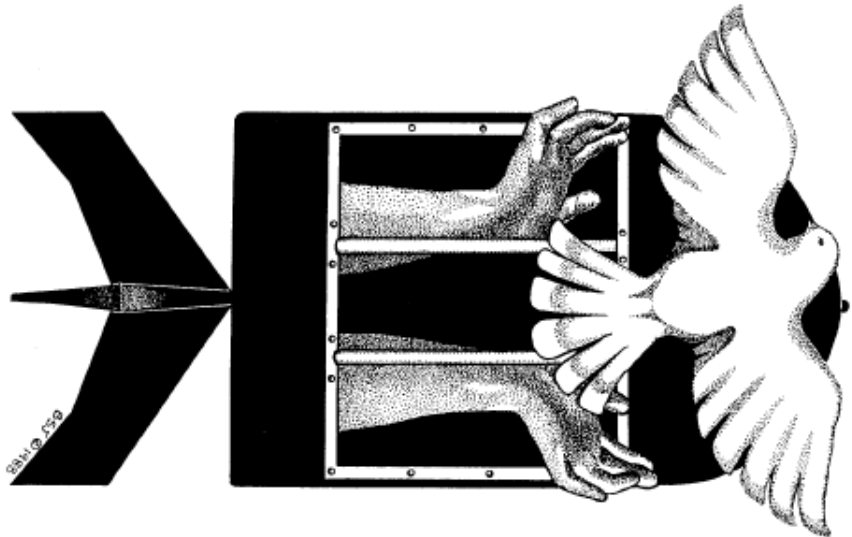
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